BOB TOMAINE'S TOP TEN HISTORICAL SITES IN AND AROUND CARBONDALE, PA.

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SOME HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES IN AND AROUND CARBONDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Carbondale City Hall

2. The Miners' and Mechanics' Bank. Situated next to Carbondale City Hall, the M&M Bank is built on the site of the former Harrison House Hotel. The bank closed on May 12, 1931, and subsequently housed a Chrysler dealer, a laundromat, and the offices of the Carbondale Area School District, among others. Several years ago, a movement was launched to demolish the structure (to provide a parking lot!), but fortunately, this plan fell by the wayside. It is presently owned by the Adams Cable Television Company and is undergoing a complete restoration. When completed, it will house the offices and studios of the concern. (The building next to the M&M has also been purchased by Adams, and it too is being refurbished.)

3. Reynolds Gift Shop, Lincoln Avenue. Formerly known as G. W. Reynolds and Son, this is the oldest family-run business in the city. Rather than being completely modernized, the store has been well-kept and is quite original, even down to the lamp fixtures.

4. The Gravity Shops. To the rear of the Ben-Mar Restaurant, stands a large stone structure which served as the shops for the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad. This is actually the third building to have been on the site, as the first two shops were destoyed by fires. Constructed in 1857, it was used for a good number of years after the abandonment of the Gravity in 1899, and was relatively intact until a fire destoyed portions of the roof several years ago. It is listed on the National Historic Register, and although it is owned by the YMCA, its future is uncertain.

5. Number 1 Plane. Just above the Gravity Shops, trains bound for Honesdale began their journey over the mountains. The tracks passed beneath U.S. Route 6, and continued up roughly alongside of the creek. Across the creek from the intersection of Belmont and Canaan Streets, there is a monument marking the plane, and giving further information on the Gravity.